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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI. Such requested action is contained in paragraph 7.
2. At a Deputies meeting in February, you decided to defer requesting the Secretaries of State and Defense to nominate members for the Coordination Staff, pending the possibility that Secretary McNamara might soon decide upon the reorganization of the Defense intelligence structure recommended by the Joint Study Group and approved by the President on 18 January 1961.
3. As you will note from the first quarterly report submitted to you today by the Coordination Staff, the Secretary of Defense still has under consideration various proposals regarding such a reorganization, and there is no indication as to how soon the Secretary will make a decision on this matter.
4. In the meantime, the Coordination Staff definitely needs the assistance of qualified members detailed from the Departments of State and Defense, in order adequately to provide you the staff services for which it is responsible. Moreover, unless such additional members are soon assigned, I believe that the Coordination Staff will come to be looked upon as a part of CIA rather than a community-wide organization as planned.
5. During the USIB discussion on 2 May 1961 of the paper prepared by the Coordination Staff concerning new intelligence publications, the Director of Naval Intelligence inquired about the status of the assignment of Defense Department members to the Coordination Staff.
6. Assignment of such members from State and Defense would not prejudice any decision by the Secretary of Defense regarding intelligence reorganization, because the Coordination Staff would in any case need professionals with Army, Navy, Air Force and NSA experience.
7. I therefore recommend that you sign the attached letters to the Secretaries of State and Defense requesting the nomination of qualified individuals to be detailed to your Coordination Staff.



Attachments:

cc: DDCI

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